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To: [Gockel, Catherine](#)
Subject: RE: ESA consultation for NPDES general permit for WA hatcheries
Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013 1:22:12 PM

Hi Catherine: You are planning on meeting with both Services at the same time, right? They are collocated here in Lacey.

Thanks, Andrea LaTier

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Hi Jeff,

It looks like the EPA contingent is available Wednesday, January 15th between 2 and 4 pm, and on Thursday, January 16th between 1 and 4 pm. Do any of those times work? Do you think one hour would be sufficient to start this conversation, or should we plan on two?

I'd like to drive down and meet with you in person, but some other folks will need to call in. I'm adding a few others to this email, as they will likely provide some assistance during this consultation.

Thanks,
Catherine

From: Jeff Fisher - NOAA Federal <jeff.fisher@noaa.gov>
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Hi Catherine,

Sounds good. Let's look at the week of January 13--I am otherwise really booked ahead of that, but that week, other than Monday, is pretty wide open.

Jeff

On Thu, Dec 19, 2013 at 12:21 PM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Jeff,

I am working to reissue EPA's general NPDES permit for Federal Aquaculture Facilities and Aquaculture Facilities in Indian Country within the boundaries of Washington State (WAG-13000). The general permit covers 25 hatcheries across the state, and expires in July of 2014. I'm writing to you because I would like to engage with NMFS about ESA consultation early in the permit process. ***Could we set up a meeting to discuss our ESA approach- perhaps early January?***

I'm copying Andrea LaTier, our ESA specialist; Mike Lidgard and Susan Poulsom from our NPDES Permits Unit; and Dirk Helder, who is currently working to reissue the NPDES general permit for aquaculture in Idaho.

Also, I wanted to be sure you had seen this website and report on PBDEs and killer whales: <http://www.eopugetsound.org/articles/report-potential-effects-pbdes-puget-sound-and-southern-resident-killer-whales> . Thanks again for your contributions to the PBDE workgroups. Thanks so much. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this important permit. Happy Holidays!

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